

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

PCT/DE00/01862

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE

7 June 2000

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED

16 June 1999

TITLE OF INVENTION

"GAS-FILLED SURGE DIVERTER WITH ELECTRODE CONNECTIONS IN THE SHAPE OF BAND-TYPE CLIPS"

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

Jürgen Boy and Peter Bobert

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay.
4. ☒ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
6. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98; (PTO 1449, Prior Art, Search Report).
12. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
(SEE ATTACHED ENVELOPE)
13. ☒ A FIRST preliminary amendment.
☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
14. ☒ A substitute specification.
15. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. ☒ Other items or information:
 - a. ☒ Submission of Drawings - 2 sheets
 - b. ☒ Submission of Proposed Drawing Changes
 - c. ☒ EXPRESS MAIL #EL843743166US dated December 12, 2001

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International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 C.F.R. 1.482) ... \$670.00

No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 C.F.R. 1.482) but
international search fee paid to USPTO (37 C.F.R. 1.445(a)(2)) \$760.00Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 C.F.R. 1.482) nor international
search fee (37 C.F.R. 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO \$970.00International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 C.F.R. 1.482) and all
claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4) \$ 96.00**ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =**

CALCULATIONS

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X \$18.00

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Independent Claims

1 - 3 =

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X \$84.00

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Multiple Dependent Claims

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a. ☒ A check in the amount of \$890.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A
duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any
overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501519. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 C.F.R. 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 C.F.R. 1.137(a) or (b)) must
be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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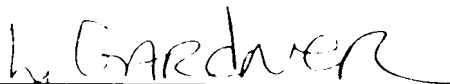
Title: "GAS-FILLED SURGE DIVERTER WITH ELECTRODE CONNECTIONS IN THE SHAPE OF BAND-TYPE CLIPS"

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Enclosed are the following documents:

International application as filed;
English translation of application;
Executed Declaration;
Preliminary Amendment;
Substitute Specification;
Marked-up Copy of Specification;
Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449,
Prior Art, Search Report;
Letter Submitting Drawings - 2 sheets;
Submission of Proposed Drawing Changes;
PTO 1390 in duplicate;
Filing Fee: \$890.00;
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**Executed Assignment, PTO 1595 form, \$40.00
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IN THE UNITED STATES ELECTED OFFICE OF
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SUBMISSION OF DRAWINGS

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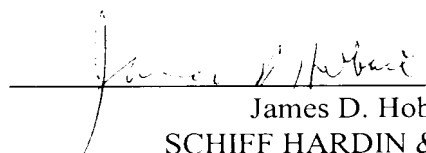
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Attached herewith are two sheets of Formal Drawings containing Figs. 1-8.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED DRAWING CHANGES

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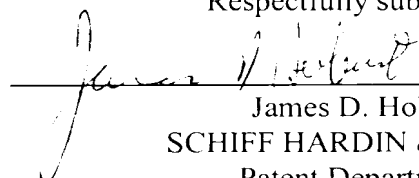
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Applicants propose to amend the drawings by deleting applicants' reference
number and by adding element numbers, as indicated in red in the attached two
20 sheets of drawings.

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